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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 22, 2004 and having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on June 22, 2004. Applicant submits the following responsive amendment in the above-identified application. Applicant believes this amendment places the application in better condition for allowance.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the claims with the attached amended claims.

REMARKS

In the Office Action, dated March 22, 2004, the Examiner states that Claims 1, 2 and 4-7 are pending and Claims 1, 2 and 4-7 are rejected. By the present Amendment, Applicant amends the claims.

In the Office Action, Claims 1, 6 and 7 are objected to for grammatical informalities. The Applicant has amended those claims to overcome those objections.